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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 21, 2013, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Executive Vice President, External Affairs for Frontier Communications and Melissa Newman, Vice President, Federal Regulatory Affairs for CenturyLink, Inc., met with Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski. In the meeting Ms. Abernathy and Ms. Newman urged the Commission to commit to the next round of Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I funding and rapidly develop rules in accordance with the recently-filed joint proposals of CenturyLink, Frontier and other price cap carriers.¹ Acting now will ensure that price cap carriers can quickly commence deploying broadband to thousands of unserved locations across America in 2013 while the Commission finalizes Phase II of the CAF.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Saperstein, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Michael Steffen

¹ Comments of the United States Telecom Association, the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance, and the ABC Coalition, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed January 28, 2013).